character, the recruitment to the teaching posts in Kendriya Vidyalaya in different parts of the country is done on all-India basis and the vacancies are notified in the Employment News and in the leading newspapers throughout the country. The recurits are selected irrespective of the areas to which they belong.

In order to fill up the large number of vacancies in the North-East Region, a special recruitment drive, on all-India level, was made in 1984 for exclusive service in the Region. As a result of special efforts, 51 posts of PGTs, 96 posts of TGTs and 110 posts of PRTs were filled up in 1984.

The Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan has been making constant efforts to fill up the posts of teachers in the Kendriya Vidyalayas in different areas including North-East Region every year as a part of its annual recruitment plan

Degraded forest lands to private entrepreneurs for growing trees

*298. SHRI S. MADHAVAN·
SHRI R. T. GOPALAN·

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating to hand over degraded forest lands to private entrepreneurs for growing trees, and

(b) if so, on what terms and conditions such possession is proposed to be given?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Ascertaining the membership strength KVS

*299. SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan has asked its recognised associations of employees to submit their membership strength by the 15th May, 1990; and

(b) if so, what is the detailed procedure adopted for ascertaining the membership strength?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As per the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan Recognition of Association Rules, before the first day of July each year, the recognised associations are required to furnish to the Sangathan, *inter alia*, Statement of Membership alongwith certified copies of enrolement forms in respect of members and proof of subscription.

Advanced light helicopter project

*300. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA.
SHRI KAPIL VERMA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state.

(a) what progress has been made so far on the Advanced light helicopter project;

(b) by when the project is likely to be completed;

(c) what was the original schedule in this regard;

(d) what was the initial cost estimate of the project and what is the current estimate; and

(e) what is the amount already spent on it?